

# *Minutes*

## New Harmony Bicentennial Commission

October 16, 2012

6:00 p.m. St. Stephen's Parish House

### **Present:**

Co-Chairperson	Connie Weinzapfel
American Legion	Charles Huck
Art Galleries of New Harmony	Maggie Rapp
Garden Club of New Harmony	Paul Allison
Harmonie Associates	Donna Creek
New Harmony Artists Guild	Jennifer Blevins
Friends of WMI	Jeanne Maudlin
New Harmony Businesses Assoc.	Laura Nicholson
New Harmony Kiwanis	Marcia Lange
New Harmony School Corporation/Alumni	Rick Johnson
New Harmony Town Council	Linda Warrum (Alt.)
Red Geranium	Judy Alsop
Town Board Member	Joe Straw
Tri-Kappa	Rita Reynolds
Workingmen's Institute	Nathan Maudlin
Executive Assistant	Jan Kahle

### ***Organizations without a representative attending:***

Co-Chairperson	Ray McConnell
Ford Home	Vicki Campbell
Masonic Lodge	Tom Straw
Posey County Commissioners	Ann Greenfield
Harmonie State Park	Jim Gray
Blaffer Foundation	Jim Sanders
New Harmony Interpreters Association	Becky Smyth
New Harmony Ministerial Association	Phyllis Westfall
Parks Board	Johnathan Scott
Planning/Preservation Committee	Mickey Grimm
Public Relations	Karen Walker
RGRG	Addison Lange
University of Southern Indiana	Ed Jones

The New Harmony Bicentennial Commission met on October 16, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's Parish House. Co-chairperson, Connie Weinzapfel, called the meeting to order. The minutes from the September, 2012, meeting were approved.

Reports from the various representatives followed:

1. American Legion
  - a. Charles Huck reported no change in their plans.
2. Ford Home
  - a. No report
3. Friends of the Workingmen's Institute
  - a. Jeanne Maudlin reported no change in their plans.
4. New Harmony Art Galleries
  - a. Maggie Rapp reported that she is still getting information for a Bicentennial calendar.
  - b. It was suggested that the Commission could sell ads for the calendar. Maggie is going to create a form for application to buy ads.
  - c. Maggie will check with Evansville to see who did their calendar.
5. New Harmony Artists Guild
  - a. Jenifer Blevins reported that the Guild is considering new street signs. She's been in touch with Town Board Member Don Gibbs and he is willing to work with the Guild on this project. It was suggested that perhaps the Bicentennial logo could be used on the signs.
  - b. The Guild is also working with Historic New Harmony in getting quotes from Robert Owen to be used around town.
6. New Harmony Interpreters Association
  - a. Linda Warrum reported that there will be two events by Brian "Fox" Ellis. Mr. Ellis is a story teller and author. The first event will be Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at the Atheneum. Mr. Ellis will discuss the tour of North America by Prince Maximilian and Karl Bodmer. The second will be on Thursday, April 3, 2014, at the Workingmen's Institute and will discuss storytelling as an interpretive tool.
7. New Harmony Kiwanis
  - a. Marcia Lange requested that their Children's Day be moved from August 2 to August 9, 2014, to coordinate with the parade. There will be games inside and outside for all ages. The games will range from pioneer games to contemporary games.
  - b. The Kiwanis will also have a float for the parade.
  - c. They are also still discussing the wooden souvenir coins.
8. Parks Board
  - a. Jeanne Maudlin reported that the Board is on track to plant 200 trees. Approximately 180 have already been planted.
9. RGRG
  - a. It was reported that the plans for a 5K walk/run are on track. The 5K will be early on the morning of Saturday, August 2, 2014.
10. Workingmen's Institute
  - a. No report
11. Masons

- a. No report
- 12. NHS Alumni Association
  - a. Rick Johnson reported that there will be activities May 23-25, 2014 including a picnic, the annual banquet and a concert.
- 13. Harmonie State Park
  - a. No report
- 14. Tri Kappa
  - a. Rita Reynolds reported that the Tri Kappa has talked to the organizers of the West Side Fall Festival and some of the same entries are interested in the Bicentennial parade.
  - b. They will also sponsor the Holiday Ball at Thralls Opera House on December 6, 2014.
- 15. Music and Pageant
  - a. Rita Reynolds reported that local musicians have shown an interest in performances during the Bicentennial year.
  - b. She and Liz Mumford are working on producing a Bicentennial Pageant.
- 16. Red Geranium Enterprises
  - a. Judy Alsop reported that the Red Geranium Enterprises will make a donation for public relations. She will talk with Karen Walker.
- 17. Planning and Preservation Committee
  - a. Linda Warrum reported they this committee will begin a town clean up campaign. It was suggested that perhaps they could get volunteers to help with this; maybe the Boy Scouts.

#### Legacy Projects

The following projects are considered possible legacy projects:

- 1. Red Bud Park
  - a. The Garden Club met with artist Amy Brier and she is proposing a sculpture with iconic images of New Harmony.
  - b. Would have to get approval of the Indiana State Museum and Historic Sites
  - c. Ms. Brier will be visiting New Harmony on Jan 3-4, 2013.
- 2. Bicentennial House
  - a. USI faculty & students to present the final construction drawings to the Town Board in November
- 3. Boatload of Knowledge Reproduction
  - a. Mick McConnell has spoken to builders and will have more information regarding costs at a later date.
- 4. New East Gateway
  - a. Laura Nicholson, representative of the New Harmony Business Association, presented a power point presentation with various ideas of what could be done.
  - b. Money will be raised through grants and donations.
  - c. Hire local residents to be involved in the creation of the Gateway.
  - d. INDOT will have to allow for an easement.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 20, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in St. Stephen's Parish House.